

Amendments in the Claims: (struck-through parts deleted and underlined parts added)

Claims 1-10 (cancelled)

5 11. (original) A litter box assembly comprising:
a housing having a bottom wall, a front wall, a back wall, a first side wall and a
second side wall, an upper edge of said housing defining an upper opening
extending into said housing, a covering being hingedly attached to an
upper edge of said back wall, said covering being selectively positioned in
10 an open position or in a closed position, said housing having a height
generally between 14 inches and 18 inches, said housing having a length
generally between 24 inches and 28 inches, said housing having a width
generally between 18 inches and 22 inches, said covering being
substantially transparent, each of said first and second side walls having an
15 aperture extending therethrough, each of said apertures being generally
centrally disposed, each of said apertures having a generally oblong shape;
a partition wall being mounted within said housing and extending from said front
wall toward said back wall, a first portion of said housing being defined
between said partition wall and said first side wall, a second portion of
20 said housing being defined between said partition wall and said second
side wall, said partition wall having a free edge directed toward said back
wall, said partition wall extending between 9 inches and 11 inches away
from said front wall, said partition wall being spaced between 7 inches and
8 inches from said first side wall, said partition wall having a height
generally equal to 8 inches;
25 said front wall having a front opening extending therethrough, said front opening
extending into said first portion, said front opening having a bottom edge
spaced from said bottom wall, said front opening generally extending from
said partition wall to said first side wall, said front opening having a height
generally between 9 inches and 12 inches, said front opening having an
arcuate upper edge;

an air filter being positioned in said covering, said air filter being positioned over
said second portion when said covering is in said closed position;
a cushioning material being mounted on and extending along said free edge of
said partition wall;

5 a mat being removably positioned in said first portion and substantially covering
 said bottom wall of said first portion, said mat having a top side having a
 plurality of bristles extending upwardly therefrom; and
a litter pan being removably positioned in said second portion.

- 10 12. (new) A litter box assembly comprising:
 a housing having a bottom wall, a front wall, a back wall, a first side wall and a
 second side wall, an upper edge of said housing defining an upper opening
 extending into said housing, a covering being hingedly attached to an
 upper edge of said back wall, said covering being selectively positioned in
15 an open position or in a closed position, each of said first and second side
 walls having an aperture extending therethrough, each of said apertures
 being generally centrally disposed; each of said apertures having a
 generally oblong shape;
- 20 a partition wall being mounted within said housing and extending from said front
 wall toward said back wall, a first portion of said housing being defined
 between said partition wall and said first side wall, a second portion of
 said housing being defined between said partition wall and said second
 side wall, said partition wall having a free edge directed toward said back
 wall;
- 25 said front wall having a front opening extending therethrough, said front opening
 extending into said first portion, said front opening having a bottom edge
 spaced from said bottom wall, said front opening generally extending from
 said partition wall to said first side wall;
- 30 an air filter being positioned in said covering, said air filter being positioned over
 said second portion when said covering is in said closed position;

a cushioning material being mounted on and extending along said free edge of
said partition wall;
a mat being removably positioned in said first portion and substantially covering
said bottom wall of said first portion, said mat having a top side having a
plurality of bristles extending upwardly therefrom; and
a litter pan being removably positioned in said second portion.

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